

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 13, 14 and 16 are rejected. Claims 2-5, 7-12 and 15 are objected to. Claims 3, 7, 8, 15 and 16 are amended. Claim 4 is cancelled. The drawings are objected to. The drawings are amended. The specification is objected to. The specification is amended. No new matter is added. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Figure 2b in the drawings is amended to correct a clerical error. No new subject matter is added.

The specification is amended to correct a clerical error. No new subject matter is added.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8 and 15 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 3, 7, 8 and 15 are amended to overcome the objections. Claim 4 is cancelled. No new subject matter is added.

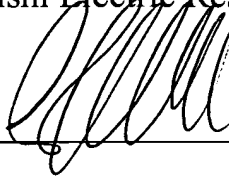
Claims 1, 6, 13, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parr et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,872,816).

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 4. Claim 4 is cancelled. Claim 16 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 8.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,
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